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1. KENNECOTT'S PIERCE MC CREARY CALLED AT THE DEPT SEPTEMBER 20 ON HIS INITIATIVE. MC CREARY SAID DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED THAT KENNECOTT WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE ITS LAWSUITS IN EUROPE, BUT WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE ANY "NEW ADVENTURES" FOR FEAR OF GIVING WRONG SIGNALS TO NEW GOC BEFORE THAT GOVERNMENT HAD HAD TIME TO DECIDE WHAT ITS POSITION ON COPPER WOULD BE. NEW SUITS, HE SAID, WOULD NOT BE "DIPLOMATIC". WE NOTED THAT USG NOT PRESENTLY IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT. BUT WE ASSUMED KENNECOTT WOULD WANT TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF JUNTA'S THINKING BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTIONS. KENNECOTT'S EUROPEAN LAWSUITS ALL APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING AT USUAL PACE. NEXT HEARING IN ITALY EXPECTED OCTOBER 3, IN GERMANY, NOVEMBER 14, FRENCH AND SWEDISH CASES NOT EXPECTED TO COME UP BEFORE JANUARY 1974, APRIL 1973, RESPECTIVELY- MC CREARY SAID NO FINAL JUDGMENTS COULD BE EXPECTED BEFORE NEXT YEAR.

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2. PRINCIPAL KENNECOTT OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED FOR MEETING

WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH AT EARLY DATE AND WE WILL HAVE A MORECOMPLETE PICTURE OF THEIR THINKING AFTER THAT OCCASION.

3. QUIGLEY AND HIS ASSOCIATES AT ANACONDA WILL BE CALLING ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH SEPTEMBER 24. RUSH

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